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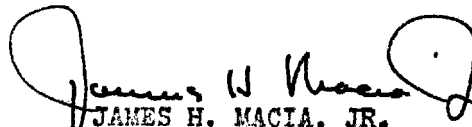
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE, ATTN: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: TALENT ELINT

1. A review of records indicates that TALENT ELINT tapes received by SAC Headquarters during 1958 were received anywhere from six weeks to five months after the missions were flown. Further investigation reveals that normally, no more than a 24 hour delay in the handling of this data occurs within Headquarters USAF. The excessive time delays in receiving this information in the past has resulted in the untimely redirection of the USAF ELINT collection effort and an unnecessarily long time lag in the publication of EOB information.

2. It is recommended that procedures be established and implemented within your agency and NTPC to expedite the forwarding of TALENT tapes to Headquarters USAF and to reduce delays in the future. The timely receipt of this data is required to enable the USAF to process this information on a priority basis and when necessary redirect the USAF collection effort toward the items of particular interest or significance in an expeditious manner. Your attention and cooperation in alleviating delays in the transmission of the data mentioned above will be greatly appreciated.

  
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